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			Diana Chang I oppose the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. Dr. Drew's record proves that he is an unreliable voice on homelessness, and hostile to research-based approaches that LA County needs to solve this crisis. I hope that you will oppose the nomination of someone with Dr. Drew's track record of misrepresenting homelessness to a position of authority on homelessness policy. Please encourage Supervisor Barger to offer an alternative, qualified nominee for the board in his place. Thank you.
			Griffin Rowell Please, for the love of god, do not appointment a TV doctor who has repeatedly said untrue and harmful things about the unhoused crisis. What a disgrace that this is even up for debate.
			Haydn R Campmier As someone who lives in district 5, Supervisor Berger would rather represent the the rich and famous then those that live in her district that are working class. Dr. Drew does not represent the perspectives of working class folxs and/or the solution to Homelessness in LA County. As a resident of district 5, I wholeheartedly oppose such a horrible candidate to represent the crisis of homelessness on LA County, Dr. Drew.
			Heather N Johnson Dr. Drew is a con artist. This is absurd. I can only assume your intention is to further criminalize and punish the unhoused because he's certainly not qualified or interested in helping.
			James Madison I SUPPORT appointment of DR. DREW PINSKY to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority. While Dr. Pinsky's views may differ from many other homeless advocates, his appointment will allow for more balance and rationality. The Authority should not be an echo chamber lacking a diversity of viewpoints.
			Jessica Cowley As a resident of the 2nd District, I urge the Board to not allow Dr Drew Pinsky to be appointed to the LAHSA Board. Dr Drew has a toxic attitude towards our unhoused neighbors and spreads terrible public health misinformation (like saying COVID was nothing more than a flu early in the pandemic). It would be a great disservice to our community and a national embarrassment to let this nomination stand.



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			Joel Aldape	
			Josh James	Dr. Drew has no clue about homelessness. Please don't let this farce become reality!
			Judy White	<p>I support the nomination of Dr Drew Pinsky to the Homeless Service Authority because it is critical to have divergent views represented in order to make progress on the issue. While housing supply is the major contributor to the problem, mental health and drug addiction play very significant roles.</p> <p>The Homeless are not the only victims of our current system ; housed Angelino's have had their security and quality of life severely impacted by homeless encampments in their neighborhoods.</p>



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			Marina A Samaltanos	Dear Supervisors, I am writing in opposition to the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. Dr. Drew's record proves that he is an unreliable voice on homelessness, and hostile to research-based approaches that LA County needs to solve this crisis. Please encourage Supervisor Barger to offer an alternative, qualified nominee for the board in his place. Nominating this person would only continue to push the perception that Los Angeles officials view city governance as a joke and hold their constituents in contempt. Sincerely, Marina Samaltanos
			Thurmon A Green	Hi, my name is Thurmon Green, and I oppose the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. Early in the pandemic, he spread dangerous misinformation that minimized the danger of the virus. Dr. Drew's record proves that he is an unreliable voice on homelessness, and hostile to research-based approaches that LA County needs to solve this crisis. I hope that the supervisors will oppose the nomination of someone with Dr. Drew's track record of misrepresenting homelessness to a position of authority on homelessness policy. Please encourage Supervisor Barger to offer an alternative, qualified nominee for the board in his place. Thank you. Thurmon
		Oppose	Alex Sizemore-Smale	I'm writing to oppose Dr. Drew's nomination to the LAHSA Board. This is disgraceful and a total joke. This man makes up fake statistics about homelessness and broadcasts them to thousands. He's a joke and has no knowledge or expertise on homelessness. Moreover, he's willfully ignorant and spreads false information. Please appoint someone qualified.



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			Amanda E Rykoff	I'm writing to oppose the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. Dr. Drew's record proves that he is an unreliable voice on homelessness, and hostile to research-based approaches that LA County needs to solve this crisis. I hope that each Supervisor will oppose the nomination of someone with Dr. Drew's track record of misrepresenting homelessness to a position of authority on homelessness policy. Please encourage Supervisor Barger to offer an alternative, qualified nominee for the board in his place. Thank you.
			Amelia Swedeen	I strongly oppose the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. Dr. Drew has a concerning record regarding unhoused populations, and he has exhibited hostility toward research-based approaches that LA County needs to solve this crisis. He is not informed nor qualified to hold a position of authority on homelessness policy.
			Amelie Cherlin	I oppose the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. Nominating such an unqualified person would only continue to push the perception that Los Angeles officials view city governance as a joke and hold their constituents in contempt.



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6.		Oppose	Annabel Carroll	My name is Annabel Carroll, and I'm writing to oppose the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. "Dr. Drew" is an attention-seeking charlatan with a shameful public record of spreading hostility, ignorance, and fear about homeless people and people with substance use disorders. Almost no one could be less qualified than he for this position, and I hope almost anybody else will fill it.
			Anne Freiermuth	I'm writing to oppose the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. Dr. Drew's record proves that he is an unreliable voice on homelessness, and hostile to research-based approaches that LA County needs to solve this crisis. Look, I enjoyed the show Loveline when I was in high school as much as anyone else. But being a controversial media figure does not qualify a person to be an appointed governmental official. LAHSA should not have a board member who makes up fake statistics about homelessness. Homelessness is a serious and complex issue that deserves proper care and oversight. The only people who should be nominated to the LAHSA board are people who have devoted their careers to the many issues that lead to homelessness. We don't need strange political stunts like this wasting time.



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6.		Oppose	Anne Miskey	<p>We at Union Station Homeless Services, the Coordinated Entry System Lead for Service Planing Area 3, write this letter to express our concern at, and opposition to the appointment of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA Commission. Over the past few years we have witnessed with great dismay the harmful and dangerous rhetoric used by Drew Pinsky to describe some of our county's most marginalized human beings. He has painted with broad strokes, a picture that places squarely on the shoulders of individuals who are experiencing the trauma of homelessness, the blame for their own demise. In so doing, he has blatantly ignored the myriad structural and systemic causes that have brought about the problem that we are currently experiencing. In addition, he continues to engage in stigmatizing messaging, language and hyperbole that are fueling the fires of NIMBYsim and discontent.</p> <p>Drew Pinsky is a celebrity, not an expert in the field of homelessness. He is a radio and television personality whose rhetoric around these issues, while certainly good for ratings, has proven absolutely antithetical to the solutions and forward movement needed to end this crisis.</p> <p>He has further eschewed and debased the evidence based practices and models that for the first time in the history of homeless services have produced prodigious results and led to more folks being permanently housed than ever before.</p> <p>He has called for a return to archaic and punitive compliance based practices and models. The same problematic models that precluded access, created barriers, criminalized "living" on the street and were partially responsible for growing the homeless epidemic, rather than reducing it-all while having no hands on or practical experience with unhoused communities.</p> <p>This is an extremely problematic appointment that runs counter to what we know the best practices and solutions to be. It is our fervent hope that the Board of Supervisors consider carefully this appointment, and uplift and nominate an experienced mental health professional with a deep and abiding understanding of the complexities of homelessness and their solutions. Dr. Drew Pinsky possesses neither.</p> <p>Thank you always for your service to ALL who reside in the county.</p> <p>Anne Miskey</p>



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			ANTHONY MALKO	I have been an LA resident my entire life. I love this city and I want to see it get better for all of us, even those who are unhoused. Please for the love of god do not appoint Dr. Drew to work with the homeless in any capacity. This is a frustrating, pathetic joke. Please treat the unhoused legitimately as human beings. Please acknowledge them. Please do better than this.
			Armando Tapia	Don't you dare appoint Dr Drew as an advisor with everything going on in the nation right now, you are going to make Los Angeles a laughing stock. Pick a real expert on the matter. LA Times was right to oppose this as well.
			Avalon Igawa	I oppose the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. Dr. Drew's record proves that he is an unreliable voice on homelessness, and hostile to research-based approaches that LA County needs to solve this crisis. I hope that the BOS will oppose the nomination of someone with Dr. Drew's track record of misrepresenting homelessness to a position of authority on homelessness policy. Please encourage Supervisor Barger to offer an alternative, qualified nominee for the board in his place. Dr. Drew spent the early months of the pandemic denying the impact of COVID-19, only reversing his stance when he himself caught it. He continues to push back against public health experts with the training and knowledge he lacks, ignoring nuance in favor of news media soundbites. Homelessness is a public health problem, and Dr. Drew cannot be trusted on this issue.



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			Brad D Falk	<p>Hi, my name is Brad Falk, and I'm writing to oppose the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. Dr. Drew's record proves that he is an unreliable voice on homelessness, and hostile to research-based approaches that LA County needs to solve this crisis. I hope the Supervisors will oppose the nomination of someone with Dr. Drew's track record of misrepresenting homelessness to a position of authority on homelessness policy. Please encourage Supervisor Barger to offer an alternative, qualified nominee for the board in his place. Thank you.</p>
			Brendon N Bouzard	<p>I write to oppose the appointment of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. Dr. Drew's record proves that he is an unreliable voice on homelessness, and hostile to research-based approaches that LA County needs to solve this crisis. I hope that the Supervisors will oppose the nomination of someone with Dr. Drew's track record of misrepresenting homelessness to a position of authority on homelessness policy. Please encourage Supervisor Barger to offer an alternative, qualified nominee for the board in his place.</p>
			Brenna P Zedan	<p>I oppose the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. Dr. Drew's record proves that he is an unreliable voice on homelessness, and hostile to research-based approaches that LA County needs to solve this crisis. We do not need someone with Dr. Drew's track record of misrepresenting homelessness in a position of authority on homelessness policy. Please encourage Supervisor Barger to offer an alternative, qualified nominee for the board in his place</p>



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			Caitlin Krenz	Dr. Drew Pinsky cannot be elected to the LAHSA board. He is not qualified to take a position of leadership with regard to our unhoused community members. He has referred to expert research on homelessness as "more theological than scientific," a claim not based on any of his own research, but on his gut feelings as a physician with no background in homelessness research or policy. He uses statistics pulled out of thin air that cannot be backed by research, such as his claim that "65-80%" of homeless people are "service resistant" - a claim not based on actual study, but again based solely on his intuition and anecdotal experiences. Dr. Drew consistently pushes an "enforcement first" approach, that treats jail as a pathway to recovery from mental illness. This approach of forced treatment has a miserable track record, often retraumatizing patients. Moreover, we lack the public psychiatric and recovery resources to make transitioning from incarceration to recovery a reality. Dr. Drew spent the early months of the pandemic denying the impact of COVID-19, only reversing his stance when he himself caught it. He continues to push back against public health experts with the training and knowledge he lacks, ignoring nuance in favor of news media soundbites. Homelessness is a public health problem, and Dr. Drew cannot be trusted on this issue.
			Caitlin Rose	Yeah, that's an absolute no on Dr. Drew. We need leadership with logical compassion, and he's nothing but a talking head with zero experience or qualifications.



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			Carter Moon	I oppose adding Dr. David Drew Pinsky to the board of the LA Homelessness Services Authority.
			Catherine Navarro	I'm writing to oppose Dr. Drew Pinsky's nomination to the LAHSA Board. Dr. Pinsky's record proves that he is an unreliable voice on homelessness, and hostile to research based approaches that LA County needs to solve this crisis. I hope the Board will oppose the nomination of someone with Dr. Pinsky's track record of misrepresenting homelessness to a position of authority on homelessness policy. He is wrong for this position. I encourage Supervisor Barger to offer an alternative, qualified nominee for the Board in his place. Thank you.
			Charu Khopkar	There is no way Drew Pinsky should serve on a board that requires consideration of medical conditions given his abjectly wrong take on covid and his continued downplaying the seriousness of the virus (until he got it) and his current objections to common sense virus mitigation regulations.
			Chester Reyes	I'm writing to oppose the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. His track record on homelessness is unreliable, and is hostile to research-based approaches that the LA County needs to solve this crisis. Please encourage Supervisor Barger to offer an alternative and qualified nominee for the board. Thank you.
			Chloe Meyer	Hi I'm commenting to oppose the nomination of Dr.Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. Dr. Drew's record proves that he is an unreliable voice on homelessness, and hostile to research-based approaches that LA County needs to solve this crisis. I hope that you will oppose the nomination of someone with Dr. Drew's track record of misrepresenting homelessness to a position of authority on homelessness policy. Please encourage Supervisor Barger to offer an alternative, qualified nominee for the board in his place. Thank you.



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			Christopher A Pruitt	The homeless crisis in Los Angeles isn't simply a nuisance for your wealthy and your famous. It is an inexcusable failure of compassion and basic civil planning in one of the most populous and wealthiest counties in America. It deserves real solutions, and real thought. Putting a radio host and television personality (who has used his platform to explicitly be critical of government intervention more than once) in a position of power on this issue feels like a move explicitly made to waste taxpayer money and avoid addressing the severity of this issue. Please do not insult your constituency, and even further degrade the lives of our least fortunate and most vulnerable, by making this appointment a c-level celebrity stunt. If you don't care about unhoused people in this county, please at least appoint people who do.
			Cindy Lin	Dr. Drew should not be a board member of LAHSA. His past statements on homelessness shows that he is not capable of making the required actions to actually solve the homelessness crisis in LA. I urge the board to reject this nomination and nominate a board member from the many organizations in the county advocating and working towards a housing first solution to homelessness and demonstration of learning and implementing lessons from proven research.
			Cordelia Arterian	Dr. Drew Pinsky has no place on the LAHSA board - he has not worked on the ground with unhoused people or homeless services. He publicly and loudly decried the immediate response to COVID-19, calling it a harmless flu. This person is a celebrity, not a doctor with the credentials and history necessary to be a force for good on this board.



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			Craig Smith	My name is Craig Smith, a resident living in Koreatown, and I vehemently oppose the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. Dr. Drew's record proves that he is an unreliable voice on homelessness, and hostile to research-based approaches that LA County needs to solve this crisis. I hope that my Supervisor Holly Mitchell will oppose the nomination of someone with Dr. Drew's track record of misrepresenting homelessness to a position of authority on homelessness policy. Please encourage Supervisor Barger to offer an alternative, qualified nominee for the board in his place. Thank you.
			Dain McClurg	I'm writing to oppose the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. Dr. Drew's record proves that he is an unreliable voice on homelessness, and hostile to research-based approaches that LA County needs to solve this crisis. I hope that all supervisors will oppose the nomination of someone with Dr. Drew's track record of misrepresenting homelessness to a position of authority on homelessness policy. Please encourage Supervisor Barger to offer an alternative, qualified nominee for the board in his place. Thank you.
			Dana Nordenstrom	I oppose the nomination of the notoriously hateful and evidence-averse Dr. Drew Pinsky on the board of LAHSA. Dr. Drew's open disdain for people experiencing homelessness is only outshined by his aversion to supporting evidence-based medicine and current research. As a public health professional who has worked on issues surrounding homelessness, I am hard pressed to think of worse, less qualified nominee. Please do not give this enemy of public health any more power than he already does and offer an alternative, qualified nominee in his place.



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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
6.		Oppose	Diana Chang	<p>Please correct my previous selection to correctly indicate "OPPOSE".</p> <p>Original comment: I oppose the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. Dr. Drew's record proves that he is an unreliable voice on homelessness, and hostile to research-based approaches that LA County needs to solve this crisis. I hope that you will oppose the nomination of someone with Dr. Drew's track record of misrepresenting homelessness to a position of authority on homelessness policy. Please encourage Supervisor Barger to offer an alternative, qualified nominee for the board in his place.</p>
			Drew Beck	<p>I do harm reduction and outreach in Hollywood with The Sidewalk Project, a project-based arts and public health organization working with the unhoused.</p> <p>I am writing to oppose the recommendation of Dr. Drew Pinsky to head LHASA.</p> <p>His status as a covid denier at the beginning of the biggest pandemic in the last hundred years alone should disqualify him from any public health position. The city of Los Angeles should be embarrassed for even considering such a candidate. The politicization of public health has already cost hundreds of thousands of lives. People promoting such views should not be given more of a platform.</p> <p>He favors an "enforcement first" approach, treating jail as a pathway to recovery from mental illness and addiction. criminalizing chaotic drug use and mental illness is not a viable solution. It's both fiscally irresponsible and further damages the most vulnerable members of society.</p> <p>He gives statistics without citing sources. "65 to 80% of homeless people are service resistant". How can he do an effective job if he's not even dealing with facts? Even if this were an accurate statistic he just accepts it, he does not ask the most important question which is "why are people refusing services?"</p> <p>Dr. Drew says lack of housing is not part of the problem. The city has built large amounts of housing in the last 10 years yet our homeless population increases every year. Clearly the housing being built is not affordable. He refuses to look at the economic considerations which play a significant role on people living on the street.</p> <p>Homelessness is an incredibly complicated issue. There are many factors to consider- Drug use and addiction, mental health issues, drug use as self medication for mental health issues, A lack of treatment for these issues, a lack of affordable housing, a rising cost of living that wages aren't keeping up with, lack of supportive/transitional housing for people coming off the streets or coming out of jail, and systemic racism, domestic violence (</p>

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	<p>acf.hhs.gov/fysb/fact-sheet/domestic-violence-and-homelessness-statistics-2016) Dr. Drew's myopic view of homelessness has already demonstrated an inability to consider all of the factors in play and Los Angeles deserves better.</p> <p>While the cachet of a celebrity doctor may seem appealing to some, we need an experienced public health professional to run LAHSA. Not Dr. Drew.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Drew Beck</p>
Dwayne Okpaise	<p>Dr. Drew has no place on LAHSA. LA needs leaders who want to work to end homelessness compassionately, not anti-science cranks who would advocate for violently disappearing our unhoused neighbors.</p>
Elise T Johnson	<p>I've been a mental health provider to the homeless for 30 years. Dr. Drew Pinsky is no expert. Please do not vote to add him to the LAHSA Board. He is willfully and defiantly opposed to developing positions based on evidence and as such is wholly unqualified for this position. As one who works in an Emergency Department, I can attest that just because one is an MD, it does not make them experts on everything. Dr. Drew's recent behavior as a COVID denier is proof of that. LAHSA needs someone who understands evidence-based practice - not reality show antics.</p>
Emily A Chapman	<p>Dr. Drew should not be appointed to the LAHSA board. He's hostile to the homeless, has made his career on being a complete charlatan, and is in no way possessed of the knowledge required to be a successful board member. This is embarrassing. Please find an actual, qualified person to sit on the board; there are people out here actually doing work that should be in that spot.</p>
Eric Ares	<p>I am writing in strong opposition to the appointment of Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA Commission.</p> <p>Drew Pinsky is both unfit and unqualified for such an important position in the homeless services system. He believes the housing crisis in LA is a "hoax perpetuated by the local government," despite overwhelming evidence that lack of housing affordability is one of the main drivers of homelessness. Rather, he believes that homelessness is only about mental health and substance abuse. Again, this is despite this not being reflective of all legitimate data on this matter.</p> <p>More than that, however, "Dr. Drew" believes in criminalizing homelessness, that the majority of people experiencing homelessness are "service resistant", and that jails should be used as a pathway to services.</p> <p>He is not credible on many matters - especially homelessness. We need serious stewards of the LAHSA who can help the homeless rehousing system</p>



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	reach the efficiency and scale needed to confront this crisis. He is not that. Supervisors must OPPOSE this appointment and consider serious candidates who believe in services and housing - not punching down and reinforcing all the negative stereotypes of our most vulnerable neighbors.
Ester Gonzalez	Hi, my name is Ester, and I'm calling to oppose the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. Dr. Drew's record proves that he is an unreliable voice on homelessness, and hostile to research-based approaches that LA County needs to solve this crisis. I hope that Supervisor Solis will oppose the nomination of someone with Dr. Drew's track record of misrepresenting homelessness to a position of authority on homelessness policy. Please encourage Supervisor Barger to offer an alternative, qualified nominee for the board in his place. Thank you."
Foster Wilson	I oppose the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. Dr. Drew's record proves that he is an unreliable voice on homelessness, and hostile to research-based approaches that LA County needs to solve this crisis. I hope that the Supervisors will oppose the nominated of someone with Dr. Drew's track record of misrepresenting homelessness to a position of authority on homelessness policy. Please encourage Supervisor Barger to offer an alternative, qualified nominee for the board in his place. Thank you.
Gabriel Almazan	I oppose the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board, as his record shows an unreliable voice on homelessness and a hostility toward research-based approaches to solve this crisis.
Geoffrey Williams	I am writing in opposition to the appointment of Dr. Drew Pinsky to LAHSA. He has no experience or any particular insight into the issue of homelessness, and his opinions on the subject seem to be mostly based in commonly believed myths, rather than any direct experience with unhoused people. I sincerely hope Supervisor Barger will listen to the outrage among her constituents and the city at large.
Goat Puppet	Dr. Drew sucks! Vote no on him. Barger aka Barfer made a huge mistake here.
Greg Manke	Dr. Drew Pinsky has no business advising on any matter. He's a talk show host who said people are "more likely to die of the flu than the coronavirus." Tapping him for any position would be a giant mistake.
Gregory L Smith	I oppose the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. Dr. Drew's record proves that he is an unreliable voice on homelessness, and hostile to research-based approaches that LA County needs to solve this crisis. Please encourage Supervisor Barger to offer an alternative, qualified nominee for the board in his place. Thank you.
Hector Ramirez	I urge all board of supervisors to vote NO on David Drew Pinsky, M.D. appointment to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority.
Helena Hansen	I am writing to express my strong opposition to the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to any position in the LA Homeless Services Authority. According to past interviews, Dr. Pinsky believes that criminalization and the involuntary detention of individuals in psychiatric facilities will solve homelessness and



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	<p>deprioritizes new housing development. If he were to join the LAHSA Commission, we would see fewer solutions and more criminalization of our unhoused neighbors. I strongly urge you to vote and speak against his nomination. Thank you.</p>
Henry Fung	<p>Dear Supervisors, while every supervisor has the right to appoint whomever they want to any board which the County has seats on, other supervisors have the responsibility in ratifying these decisions to make sure that the appointees add to the functioning of the board or organization and do not detract from it.</p> <p>The appointment of Dr. David Drew Pinsky to the Los Angeles Homelessness Services Authority does not meet this criteria. Dr. Pinsky has been routinely wrong on homelessness and COVID-19. He thinks that the vast majority of homeless people experience mental illness, which is not the case. As a professional engineer who once experienced homelessness in my youth, this is offensive. The reason I was homeless was due to a lack of support and high cost of housing, not because I was mentally ill. While there is a large population of people housed in tents and other visible homeless who may experience apparent signs of mental illness and drug abuse, there are just as many "invisible homeless" couchsurfing, sleeping in cars or RVs, or hidden in bushes and river bottoms who are trying to be unobtrusive. Many of them, like I was, have jobs. Dr. Pinsky instead makes broad unverified claims about that over half of all schizophrenic people are homeless, which is mathematically impossible. His published plan to forcibly incarcerate people is inhumane. He does not have the support on the LAHSA board to make his changes, and will only be disruptive to the actual work necessary to address homelessness. This is not "good trouble" like John Lewis but rather being dilatory and disruptive to the important work necessary to house as many people as possible as fast as possible.</p> <p>Sincerely, Henry Fung</p>
James Guhm	<p>Elevating Dr. Drew would put him in a position of leadership on homelessness throughout LA County, overseeing the work of LAHSA's large staff and budget. Dr. Drew is the wrong choice for this role:</p> <p>He has referred to expert research on homelessness as "more theological than scientific," a claim not based on any of his own research, but on his gut feelings as a physician with no background in homelessness research or policy.</p> <p>He uses statistics pulled out of thin air that cannot be backed by research, such as his claim that "65-80%" of homeless people are "service resistant" - a claim not based on actual study, but again based solely on his intuition and anecdotal experiences.</p> <p>Dr. Drew consistently pushes an "enforcement first" approach, that treats jail as a pathway to recovery from mental illness. This approach of forced treatment has a miserable track record, often re-traumatizing patients.</p>



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	<p>Moreover, we lack the public psychiatric and recovery resources to make transitioning from incarceration to recovery a reality.</p> <p>Dr. Drew spent the early months of the pandemic denying the impact of COVID-19, only reversing his stance when he himself caught it. He continues to push back against public health experts with the training and knowledge he lacks, ignoring nuance in favor of news media soundbites. Homelessness is a public health problem, and Dr. Drew cannot be trusted on this issue.</p> <p>It is extremely disappointing that Supervisor Kathryn Barger is suggesting him for this role and it reeks of cronyism.</p>
Janine Roach	<p>I am a psychiatrist at Olive View Medical Center. I have seen the consequences of homelessness daily for the past 17 years that I have worked as a physician in LA County. We need to appoint someone who has boots on the ground experience with homelessness to lead LAHSA, not a celebrity doctor who has made multiple statements making it blatantly clear he does not understand homelessness.</p>
Jarred Buck	<p>I oppose the appointment of Dr. Drew Pinsky. Homelessness is a deeply important issue within our community. Our unhoused neighbors deserve better than a radio sex doctor prone to cocksure proclamations with no basis in fact (see "COVID-19 is a press-induced panic").</p> <p>There are many qualified individuals who actually study and care about the issues related to homelessness, and whose input we should be seeking when confronting this issue.</p>
Jessica Craven	<p>I STRONGLY oppose the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. Dr. Drew's record proves that he is an unreliable voice on homelessness, and hostile to research-based approaches that LA County needs to solve this crisis. I hope that you will oppose the nomination of someone with Dr. Drew's track record of misrepresenting homelessness to a position of authority on homelessness policy. Please encourage Supervisor Barger to offer an alternative, qualified nominee for the board in his place. Thank you.</p>
Jessica Tardieu Haines	<p>I oppose the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. Dr. Drew's record proves that he is an unreliable voice on homelessness, and hostile to research-based approaches that LA County needs to solve this crisis. I hope that the Supervisors will oppose the nomination of someone with Dr. Drew's track record of misrepresenting homelessness to a position of authority on homelessness policy. Please encourage Supervisor Barger to offer an alternative, qualified nominee for the board in his place. Thank you.</p>
Josh Androsky	<p>please do not appoint noted fraud and conservative talk show host dr. drew to ANY part of the county government. it is insane that i have to type this. supervisor barger should be ashamed of herself and removed from office because, and i mean this with no exaggeration, this is literally the single dumbest thing i have ever seen a politician try to do in my life. thank you.</p>



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Justin Serulneck	<p>Do not elect Dr. Drew Pinsky for positions related to homelessness and public health. If you elect him to the Board of LAHSA, I will vigorously oppose your future election and re-election efforts. He is not competent to serve in issue related to public health or homelessness as he believes, from his own website, that homelessness is a motivational issue, as opposed to a structural issue associated with the price of rent and lack of available housing.</p> <p>From the LA Times Editorial Board: latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-04-16/dr-drew-wrong-for-homeless-authority</p> <p>As linked from Dr. Drew Pinsky's website: californiaglobe.com/section-2/the-only-plan-to-end-homelessness/</p> <p>Drugs are not the issue as such causes would fail to explain the increase in homelessness from 2013 to its peak in 2019, to its present count after much attempting housing amelioration. You must oppose Dr. Drew Pinsky's nomination to the board of LAHSA or we will remember your vote and campaign to have you removed next election cycle. Such harsh writing is begged from the fact that Dr. Drew Pinsky was nominated in the first place.</p>
karen lewis	<p>I oppose Dr. Drew Pinsky becoming part of LAHSA.</p> <p>Dr. Drew's lack of knowledge of, and general hostility towards, homelessness in Los Angeles make him unqualified to serve on the board for LAHSA.</p> <p>Furthermore, Dr. Drew demonstrated poor judgement by spreading false, and dangerous, information about Covid-19.</p> <p>He is a danger to public health and should not serve on the board at LAHSA.</p>
Karen L Garcia	<p>I strongly oppose the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. Dr. Drew's track record proves that he is an unreliable voice on homelessness and hostile to research-based approaches that LA County needs to solve the crisis.</p>
Karl J Fenske	<p>I oppose the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. Dr. Drew's record proves that he is an unreliable voice on homelessness, and hostile to research-based approaches that LA County needs to solve this crisis. His cruelty-as-entertainment reality shows have exposed his lack of interest in researched based responses to addiction and mental health support - blame and shame shouldn't be a part of the County's response to the unsheltered. I hope that Supervisor Solis will oppose the nomination of someone with Dr. Drew's track record of misrepresenting homelessness to a position of authority on homelessness policy. Please encourage Supervisor Barger to offer an alternative, qualified nominee for the board in his place. Thank you.</p>
Kate Nollner	<p>I'm writing to formally oppose the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. Dr. Drew's record proves that he is an unreliable voice on homelessness, and hostile to research-based approaches that LA County needs to solve this crisis. I hope that Supervisor Kuehl will oppose the nomination of someone with Dr. Drew's track record of misrepresenting</p>



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	homelessness to a position of authority on homelessness policy. He has a history of COVID-denying, justice-reform-blaming, generally uninformed voice that represents the opposite of what this board was formed to enact. Please encourage Supervisor Barger to offer an alternative, qualified nominee for the board in his place. Thank you.
Katherine Tattersfield	I strongly oppose Supervisor Barger's nomination of Dr. Drew for the Homeless Services Commission. Dr. Drew mocked people experiencing homelessness on Loveline - that alone should disqualify him from serving. He made baseless claims about homelessness & addiction, misrepresenting the number of people facing serious addiction and mental health issues. Dr. Drew denies that rising rent causes homelessness despite supporting data. He also downplayed the severity of the COVID-19 pandemic repeatedly on Fox News & only retracted after becoming infected himself. Dr. Drew lacks the judgment, integrity and experience for this position. The Board must reject him & his narrow-minded, paternalistic approach.
katy hammer	I am writing as a constituent of Sup. Solis, who works in homeless services, who is imploring her to oppose Sup. Barger's nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the board of LAHSA. Dr. Drew has shown himself to be an unreliable, uncompassionate, and uninformed voice on this topic, which requires a reliable, compassionate, and trauma-informed approach. His misguided misrepresentation on the root causes of homelessness are dangerous, and will not do anything to address the crisis in Los Angeles. Advocates and the unhoused community--the people who would be directly affected by his nomination--are staunchly opposed to this nomination; for years, elected officials have been ignoring these voices, and for years the crisis has been mounting in the city. You have an opportunity to take a different path here, and take heed of the very real concerns of the people experiencing homelessness, and the advocates who have been working alongside them for years. Please oppose this dangerous nomination, and work together to propose an alternate candidate who is qualified for this important position. Thank you for your consideration.
Kayvan Ghavim	Dr Drew has peddle dangerous anti-science garbage for the last year and has proven he cares more about making money than putting people in real danger. He should not be allowed anywhere near public policy.
Kendall Darfler	I'm writing to oppose the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. Dr. Drew's record proves that he is an unreliable voice on homelessness, and hostile to research-based approaches that LA County needs to solve this crisis. I hope that you will oppose the nomination of someone with Dr. Drew's track record of misrepresenting homelessness to a position of authority on homelessness policy. Please encourage Supervisor Barger to offer an alternative, qualified nominee for the board in his place. Thank you.
Kenny C	Please do not put Dr Drew in charge of anything, thanks.
Keri Warren	I am commenting to oppose the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. Dr. Drew's record proves that he is an unreliable voice on homelessness, and hostile to research-based approaches that LA County



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	needs to solve this crisis. I hope that Supervisor Barger understands that the nomination of someone with Dr. Drew's track record of misrepresenting homelessness to a position of authority on homelessness policy is unacceptable and she should withdraw that nomination and choose someone less absolutely awful or this is going to come back up in the next election.
Kris Chan	I oppose the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. Dr. Drew's record proves that he is an unreliable voice on homelessness, and hostile to research-based approaches that LA County needs to solve this crisis. I hope that Supervisor [Last Name] will oppose the nomination of someone with Dr. Drew's track record of misrepresenting homelessness to a position of authority on homelessness policy. Please encourage Supervisor Barger to offer an alternative, qualified nominee for the board in his place. Thank you.
Laura Behary	Dot not move Dr Drew forward. He is not appropriate for this position. Thank you!
Lorenzo De Felitta	I'm writing today to oppose the appointment of Drew Pinsky (Dr Drew) to the LAHSA board. He is actively hostile towards those who are struggling and is opposed to research based approaches to the homelessness crisis. Literally almost anyone else would be better. I urge you to vote "no" and encourage you to reach out to Supervisor Barger and ask her to nominate a compassionate voice to the LAHSA board.
M B	"Dr. Drew" is a laughable excuse for a homeless services advocate. His proposed solutions to homelessness such as heavy criminalization of drug use show that he has no understanding or desire to understand the institutional and systemic causes of homelessness and substance abuse. They also indicate a lack of understanding of how racism and anti-Blackness function in a County in which 40% of those experiencing homelessness are Black, and a country in which criminalization of drug use has been a thin veil for anti-Blackness for generations. Dr. Drew's comments about the COVID-19 pandemic in the early spring also show that he has little regard for understanding the lived experience of anyone besides himself, and no desire to know the fears, needs, and desires of those with less wealth and power than he has. As a homeless services worker, I stand unequivocally against the appointment of Dr. Drew to the LAHSA board, where his dangerous beliefs would cause irreparable harm to a community that is already fighting to recover from the pandemic and related anti-homeless decisions like the Echo Park sweep. I oppose Dr. Drew's appointment to the LAHSA board.
Martha G Dietzel	<p>I'm writing to oppose the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. Dr. Drew's record proves that he is an unreliable voice on homelessness, and hostile to research-based approaches that LA County needs to solve this crisis.</p> <p>He has referred to expert research on homelessness as "more theological than scientific," a claim not based on any of his own research, but on his gut feelings as a physician with no background in homelessness research or</p>



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	<p>policy.</p> <p>Dr. Drew consistently pushes an "enforcement first" approach, that treats jail as a pathway to recovery from mental illness. This approach of forced treatment has a miserable track record, often retraumatizing patients. Moreover, we lack the public psychiatric and recovery resources to make transitioning from incarceration to recovery a reality.</p> <p>Dr. Drew spent the early months of the pandemic denying the impact of COVID-19, only reversing his stance when he himself caught it. He continues to push back against public health experts with the training and knowledge he lacks, ignoring nuance in favor of news media soundbites. Homelessness is a public health problem, and Dr. Drew cannot be trusted on this issue.</p>
Mary Ann Cherry	<p>OPPOSE the appointment of Dr. Drew Pinsky to any commission. He will make a joke of your efforts to effectively address the homeless problem. Contrary to his popularity, he is NOT well regarded in any areas of his supposed expertise.</p>
Matt Wait	<p>Are you seriously going to put fucking Dr. Drew on the homelessness commission? Why don't we replace Kathryn Barger with Al Roker instead?</p>
Matthew G Brush	<p>The appointment of "Dr." Drew to the LAHSA board is an insult to the unhoused community of Los Angeles, as well as the rest of our communities. Pinsky has ZERO professional qualifications regarding trauma informed care or providing services to unhoused individuals. He believes homelessness is a result of choice and "service resistance". It is an abomination that our board of supervisors would blindly consider someone so unqualified and blatantly inappropriately selected for this position. I urge the BOS to reject the nomination of Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board both as a public health professional and a member of the Los Angeles community.</p>
Michelle King	<p>I'm oppose the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. Dr. Drew's record proves that he is an unreliable voice on homelessness, and hostile to research-based approaches that LA County needs to solve this crisis. I hope that you will oppose the nomination of someone with Dr. Drew's track record of misrepresenting homelessness to a position of authority on homelessness policy.</p>
Molly E Scott	<p>Why have you put Dr. Drew in charge of anything? Get someone with expertise on houseless issues please.</p>
Morgan Soloski	<p>I'm writing in strong opposition to the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. Dr. Drew's record proves that he is an unreliable voice on homelessness, and hostile to research-based approaches that LA County needs to solve this crisis. I hope that the rest of the Supervisors will oppose the nomination of someone with Dr. Drew's track record of misrepresenting homelessness to a position of authority on homelessness policy. There has been an outcry from the unhoused community, advocates and nonprofits who serve unhoused folks alike, all saying that Dr. Drew is wholly unqualified for this role. Please encourage Supervisor Barger to offer an alternative, qualified</p>



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	nominee for the board in his place. Thank you.
Natasha Vanderhoof	As a leader of a harm reduction organization that works directly on the street with the houseless community every single day, we are incredibly opposed to the appointment of Dr. Drew as commissioner. His ideology is not based in evidence based practices. He espouses views that are part of deepening stigma towards PEH, mentally ill folks and PWUD. He speaks about houselessness based in mental illness rather than what we know from various academic studies is actually an affordable housing crisis. This is steeped in systemic racism and income disparities for communities of color. We see the crushing effects of poverty in our streets of mass incarceration and the violent racist war on drugs. We do not trust a man who does not have a deep understanding of the complexities of these issues to lead the way in what is already an absolute nightmare for our community. How dare the City lean into the celebrity of a man who does not deserve this position at the brink of an eviction crisis? Hear the voices of the people and think more deeply about who might really understand how to lead us. It is not a man who does not spend any time in the streets he pontificates on.
Nic Wegener	Drew Pinsky is in favor of reversing deinstitutionalization measures of the last 60 years and holding patients against their will. He has quoted misinformation and gone against most recent findings and claimed most homeless are due to mental illness. This is all before we even get into his embarrassing views on Covid for which he's basically had to retreat from. He is a TV doctor. That is why he's being asked to do this. Please get experts on board and not celebrity doctors. Gross.
Nick Ciarelli	I oppose the nomination of Loveline and Celebrity Rehab host Dr. Drew to the board of the LAHSA. That is literally insane. Why is this even a thing.
Nicole Pasini	I am commenting to oppose the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. Dr. Drew's record proves that he is an unreliable voice on homelessness, and hostile to research-based approaches that LA County needs to solve this crisis. I hope that the Supervisor will oppose the nomination of someone with Dr. Drew's track record of misrepresenting homelessness to a position of authority on homelessness policy. This work is too important to leave to people who won't follow research based best practices.
Nikita Hamilton	My name is Dr. Nikita Hamilton and I'm writing to oppose the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. His record proves he is an unreliable voice on homelessness, and hostile to research-based approaches that LA County desperately needs to solve this crisis. I hope that you will oppose the nomination of someone with Dr. Drew's track record of misrepresenting homelessness being put in a position of authority on homelessness policy. Please encourage Supervisor Barge to offer an alternative, qualified nominee for the board in his place. These are people's lives. These are people. They should be served by those who view them as such. Thank you for your time.
Patricia Bates	Regarding appointment of Dr Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA Board. No. Please do not appoint a conservative anti-science talk show host to this position.



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	<p>There are housing issues and mental health issues and addiction issues. The origin easily traces back to 40 years of trickle-down economics coupled with the 1981 defunding of community mental health centers. Many of the mental health and addiction issues are a result of homelessness rather than a cause. LAHSA does not need to become a media circus.</p>
Patricia Anne Daza-Luu	<p>Dr Drew being given a position of leadership relative to homelessness has no basis in expertise or thoughtfulness. He is not well researched and seems to pull statistics out of thin air to advocate for an enforcement first/non-empathetic approach. This doesn't lend itself to creating a long term, ethical solution to the homelessness issue.</p>
Paula W Kleihauer	<p>I vehemently oppose putting Dr. David Drew Pinsky on the 10 member commission of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority! His COVID-19 denial remarks, his lack of acknowledgement of the importance of providing housing in the fight to eliminate homelessness, and his hostility to research that does not support his claims render him an unacceptable candidate.</p>
Peter g Clune	<p>Are you fucking kidding me? Dr. Drew? The guy has no real experience with homelessness and parrots lies and falsehoods that are actively dangerous. That this is even being proposed ought to shame you out of office. Gtfo with this bullshit.</p>
Peter R Haderlein	<p>Under NO circumstances should you approve Dr. Drew Pinsky to a seat on LAHSA's board. He does not have the credentials to oversee the city's response to homelessness, and in his capacity as a shock jock radio personality has denied that COVID was a threat to public health and derided Prop 47 as "murder", even though its adjustment of what constitutes a misdemeanor serves to decriminalize homelessness, a stated State and County goal.</p> <p>His nomination by Supervisor Barger shows that you all have no idea how to address regional issues with the help of qualified experts and is one of the dumbest, most inane decisions brought before this board in recent memory.</p>
Pilar Schiavo	<p>In opposition to Dr. Drew's nomination to the LAHSA Commission</p> <p>April 18, 2021</p> <p>Dear Supervisors Solis, Mitchell, Kuehl, Hahn and Barger,</p> <p>We oppose the nomination of Dr. David Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA Commission. Dr. Drew has gone on record several times with views on homelessness that range from problematic to flat out inaccurate. He is not the right choice for our county homeless authority.</p> <p>He makes broad claims without data or experience: Dr. Drew stated that he believes "sixty to eighty-five percent of the homeless population [are resistant cases], and one of the biggest reasons for this is anosognosia, a condition in which the person is unaware of having a disability." There is no data to back up this claim. LAHSA's existing homeless count data shows nothing even close to these numbers or causes. This is a baseless claim.</p>



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The same interview also states Dr. Drew "believes the majority of schizophrenics are now on the street." Based on multiple studies of the prevalence of schizophrenia, it is estimated that around 1% of the overall population experiences schizophrenia during their lifetime. There are 40M people in the state of California meaning 400k Californians are living with schizophrenia. California's homeless population is estimated at 151k. Dr. Drew's belief is a false assumption not supported by research.

Last year, Dr. Drew made a public declaration that COVID-19 was, "way less serious than influenza." He later apologized for this statement. On 4/16/21, the L.A. Times Editorial Board correctly described the issue here: "The problem was and remains his unwavering insistence that he is right and that those who disagree are wrong, well before he has the evidence to support his position."

His main solution proposals include involuntary commitment and enforcement: In a 2019 interview, Dr. Drew proposed four solutions, including "revisit Lanterman-Petris Act" and "expand conservatorships" as well as "enforcing drug laws." Service providers in LA County know that enforcement and forced services do not end homelessness which is why Measure H was passed by voters to fund a compassionate and diverse range of services.

His blind spots of what's causing homelessness are too big: Since he is not using data or research to inform his solution proposals, he is blatantly ignoring several documented causes of homelessness. Dr. Drew reinforces the idea that homelessness is caused by either substance use or mental illness. LA County's data makes it clear that there are many factors and populations to consider including structural racism, LGBTQIA+ safety, the foster care system, domestic violence, housing cost, and incarceration. He is not using a data-informed or research-backed approach to understand what's going on in our community.

You must oppose Dr. Drew's nomination to the LAHSA Commission. LAHSA needs leaders whose approach is informed by data, research and the voices of those with lived experience of homelessness.

Thank you,

West Valley People's Alliance
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NoHo Home Alliance
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Invisible People
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Rick Proctor	Dr Drew is a covid-denier. He's personally responsible for multiple deaths related to his Celebrity Rehab program. He does not believe the research into unhoused populations solutions. He is not fit to hold any public responsibilities, nor any public budget or resources. You will pay for this with your jobs if you put this unqualified abomination on the board of LAHSA.
Roghan Weafer	This covid-denying, notorious liar has no place in LA's policy for helping the homeless. His comments about homelessness show a pattern of lies blaming homeless people for the circumstances they've been put in, and support for police attacking or arresting homeless people. This appointment wouldn't help homeless people, it would be hiring a scam artist to put a glossy PR sheen on the LAPD attacks on homeless Angelenos. Do not hire or work with Dr Drew.
Roxanne Stys	I strongly oppose the appointment of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. His experience does not include serving disadvantaged & vulnerable populations like LA's unhoused residents. Rather he has spent the majority of his practical career treating highly privileged individuals. The fact that he got it so wrong on COVID, which so clearly posed unique dangers to our unhoused neighbors from the start, should disqualify him from being appointed. His judgement is clearly suspect & his interests conflicted.
Rusteen Honardoost	Do not allow Dr Drew on the LAHSA board he's a fucking TV personality for Christ's sake
Sabrina Rennie	I Oppose the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the board of LAHSA. His record indicates he does not follow research based approaches to dealing with homelessness, which is desperately needed to help LAs unhoused population. I believe other, more reliable nominees should be offered who will trust evidence based approaches over Dr. Drew
Samantha McBride	Dr. Drew Pinski is a poor choice as an appointee to the LA Homeless Services Authority's board, as evidenced by his terrible run as a "counselor" for a televised "rehab" tv show in which people dealing with substance abuse issues were exploited for television ratings (some of whom died after appearing on the show). He has shown a stunning lack of actual empathy for people dealing with these struggles, and will only cause harm.
Sarah Back	I am writing in to oppose the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. Dr. Drew's record proves that he is an unreliable voice on homelessness and hostile to research based approaches that LA County needs to solve this crisis. Supervisor Barger, I ask that you offer an alternative, qualified nominee for the board in his place.
Sarah Barson	I am writing to oppose the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. Dr. Drew's record proves that he is an inexperienced and unreliable voice on homelessness, and hostile to the research-based approach that LA County needs to solve this crisis. I urge that all members oppose this nomination. Not only does Dr. Drew have no experience in the real and very urgent needs of homelessness policy in LA, he has made many completely unfounded, unscientific claims on this



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	<p>subject, and others. Please encourage Supervisor Barger to offer an alternative, qualified nominee for the board in his place.</p>
Shawn Morrissey	<p>I stand strongly against Dr Drew Pinsky as choice for LAHSA commissioner. Drew Pinsky's harmful rhetoric, denial of covid & dangerous views on addiction and mental health are examples of what actually grew the homeless numbers we see today. His views on homelessness, it's causes, and the focus on the problem as the fault of the individual, is myopic, wrongheaded and fails to acknowledge or call out the myriad systems and structures that not only created this problem, but continue to perpetuate it. Dr. Drew's harmful pathologizing of homelessness, and the position and platform he utilizes to do so, have lead to incalculable misunderstanding and the furthering of NIMBYism. This type of reckless self promotion, disguised as informed and experienced professional opinion, promises to set homeless services and solutions back 30 years.</p>
Sophie Strauss	<p>I strongly oppose Dr. Drew's appointment to the LAHSA board and am utterly horrified he's even being considered. You'd think after having a reality star like Trump for president we wouldn't fall for the same celebrity mania right here in LA county. And his reality star status is the least disqualifying thing about Dr. Drew. This man is not an expert on homelessness. He has demonstrated a refusal of science and facts over and over again in order to prop up his deeply uncompassionate worldview. He also spent the last year essentially denying the severity of COVID, so to have our county REWARD him for such recklessness is an embarrassment. Do not approve this appointment. It would be an absolute stain on our county and it would cause tremendous harm.</p>
Stephanie Caldwell	<p>My name is Stephanie Caldwell and I am a constituent of Supervisor Hahn's District. As a public health advocate, I'm opposed to the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky for the LAHSA board. Dr. Drew's record proves that he is an unreliable voice on homelessness, and hostile to research-based approaches that LA County needs to solve this crisis. I hope that Supervisor Hahn, and others on the Board, will oppose the nomination of someone with Dr. Drew's track record of misrepresenting homelessness to a position of authority on homelessness policy. Please encourage Supervisor Barger to offer an alternative, qualified nominee for the board in his place. Thank you.</p>
Stephen Brantley	<p>I am writing as a formerly unhoused recovering addict to oppose the appointment of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the board of the LA Homelessness Services Authority. Pinsky is wholly unqualified to serve in this capacity, and his favoring of incarceration as a pathway to recovery goes against everything this Board has stood for in pursuing a Care First vision for LA. What a slap in the face it would be to all the hard working harm reduction professionals who have dedicated their life to such work were you to appoint a Covid denying celebrity to this post. Even considering him is beneath the serious responsibilities of the Board. Please do not move forward with Pinsky.</p>
Susan Rios Bellenot	<p>I oppose the appointment of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA Commission. As the L.A. Times states, 'He calls the "housing first" model embraced by the Board of Supervisors — and experts around the country — "a hoax." He was</p>



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	an avid COVID-denier and insists that the vast majority of folks experiencing homelessness need to be threatened with jail time in order to motivate them to get treatment. His approach is reductive, punitive, and not based on commonly accepted academic and scientific studies. His nomination is dangerous and insulting, and the wrong choice for LAHSA and Los Angeles as a whole.
Tam Jenkins	I object to the proposed appointment of Dr. Drew Pinsky.
Tamsin Rawady	I would like to oppose the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. Please review the record of Dr. Drew to see how unqualified he is to combat homelessness in LA County. His inability to utilize the research-based approaches that LA County needs to solve this crisis is a recipe for disaster. I hope that Supervisor Solis will oppose the nomination of someone with Dr. Drew's track record of misrepresenting homelessness to a position of authority on homelessness policy. Please encourage Supervisor Barger to offer an alternative, qualified nominee for the board in his place. Thank you.
Taylor Morris	Drew Pinsky doesn't have any qualifications for this position. Furthermore, he has repeatedly proven to be a dangerous spreader of misinformation and bad medical advice. There is no reason whatsoever to nominate Drew Pinsky to anything related to homelessness. Furthermore, this action has made it clear to the Los Angeles public that Supervisor Barger is not serious about tackling the issue of homelessness and is more interested in attracting celebrity clout than doing her job. What a joke! How did this even make it to a meeting!
Thomas Booth	I'm seriously disappointed that this is even a discussion. As Dr. Drew, was dangerously wrong about COVID being a hoax, he is also wrong about his heavy handed approach to "solutions" for homelessness that are short on evidence based support but long on draconian demands to criminalize and institutionalized our unhoused neighbors for being in poverty. Do you want a reality TV show or real solutions? Let's get serious and just build some housing already.
Thomas Rasera	I am writing to oppose the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. Dr. Drew's record proves that he is an unreliable voice on homelessness, and hostile to research-based approaches that LA County needs to solve this crisis. I hope that Supervisor Kuehl will oppose the nomination of someone with Dr. Drew's track record of misrepresenting homelessness to a position of authority on homelessness policy. Please offer an alternative, more qualified nominee for the board in his place. Thank you!
Thomas Teraoka	Dr. Drew's record proves that he is an unreliable voice on homelessness, and hostile to research-based approaches that LA County needs to solve this crisis.
Thurmon A Green	Hi, my name is Thurmon Green, and I oppose the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. Early in the pandemic, he spread misinformation that minimized the danger of COVID. Dr. Drew's record proves that he is an unreliable voice on homelessness, and hostile to research-based approaches that LA County needs to solve this crisis. I hope that supervisors will oppose the nomination of someone with Dr. Drew's track record of misrepresenting homelessness to a position of authority on homelessness policy. Please



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	encourage Supervisor Barger to offer an alternative, qualified nominee for the board in his place. Thank you. Thurmon
Tieira Ryder	NO DR. DREW! Please do not PLAY with peoples lives, he is not the right person for the board!!! Economic hardship is the primary reason we have so many unhoused residents, we don't need anyone on the board of LASHA who doesn't understand that! NO, NO, NO Dr. Drew!!!
Toby A Muresianu	Hello, I'm a constituent based in Brentwood urging you oppose Dr. Drew's nomination to the LAHSA board and encourage Supervisor Barger to nominate someone better qualified instead. Dr. Drew's position of homelessness as solely due to mental illness and drug addiction, and not housing, is completely out of step with extensive research on homelessness conducted both within Los Angeles and nationally. It ignores long term causes of the problem, and we can't afford to take a step backwards on this. It also speaks to his long history of peddling bad, regressive opinions as fact on COVID, sexual health, and other topics.
Tori Pulkka	David Drew Pinsky would be a terrible addition to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority. The Los Angeles Times has already taken the time to publish many of the reasons, and I hope every supervisor has taken the time to read that editorial. We have a real homeless problem, not a Reality TV homeless problem. Entitled, attention seeking media personalities, who are too impressed by the sound of their voice to assimilate information from legitimate research before taking out their bullhorn will not do anything to improve the lives of the real human beings faced with homelessness. They deserve better than this. You can do better than this.
vaune Kirby	I oppose Dr. Drew being considered for the Commission listed. He has been increasingly outspoken and carelessly in error about Covid, unquestionably biased about drug addiction and heartless toward homelessness. I am not sure why Ms. Barger would have recommended such a flawed character. Please vote no. Also, several comments opposed to Dr. Drew are erroneously in the Favor column. Thank you for listening.
Veronica Shirley	Hi, my name is Veronica and I'm calling to oppose the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. Dr. Drew's record proves that he is an unreliable voice on homelessness, and hostile to research-based approaches that LA County needs to solve this crisis. I hope that the Supervisors will oppose the nomination of someone with Dr. Drew's track record of misrepresenting homelessness to a position of authority on homelessness policy. Please encourage Supervisor Barger to offer an alternative, qualified nominee for the board in his place. Thank you.
Wendy Moore	I'm opposing the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. Dr. Drew's record proves that he is an unreliable voice on homelessness, and hostile to research-based approaches that LA County needs to solve this crisis. I hope that you will oppose the nomination of someone with Dr. Drew's

				track record of misrepresenting homelessness to a position of authority on homelessness policy. Thank you.
			Yusvi Salza	I strongly oppose the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. Dr. Drew's record proves that he is an unreliable voice on homelessness, and hostile to research-based approaches that LA County needs to solve this crisis. I hope that Supervisor Hilda Solis will oppose the nomination of someone with Dr. Drew's track record of misrepresenting homelessness to a position of authority on homelessness policy. Please encourage Supervisor Barger to offer an alternative, qualified nominee for the board in his place. Thank you.
			Zoe Garcia	I oppose the appointment of "Dr. Drew" Pinsky for LAHSA's Board. He does not demonstrate the level of expertise needed for this position. Appointing a celebrity "Dr." is deeply offensive to those of us that have dedicated our careers to this field of service.
		Other	Lionel Mares	"Hi, my name is Lionel M., and I'm writing to express my thoughts on the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. I believe that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors should appoint a Sociologist to the Board at Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). We need more Sociologists and Social Scientists to be appointed to government positions because Social Scientists know more about Social Problems than Doctors and or Lawyers or Business people who know nothing about Social Problems and ways to solve them. Thank you!
			Phillip J Bartell	Hi, my name is Phillip, and I oppose the nomination of Dr. Drew Pinsky to the LAHSA board. Dr. Drew's record proves that he is an unreliable voice on homelessness, and hostile to research-based approaches that LA County needs to solve this crisis. I hope that Supervisors will oppose the nomination of someone with Dr. Drew's track record of misrepresenting homelessness to a position of authority on homelessness policy. Thank you.
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